

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

TERRY KLEPAC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

Defendant.

Civil Case No. 23-10613

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

**ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO DISMISS (Dkt. 21)**

The Court has reviewed Defendant Ford Motor Company’s motion to dismiss (Dkt. 21). In the motion, Defendant argues, in part, that the complaint does not plead sufficiently detailed or specific factual allegations and is, therefore, defective for failing to articulate a plausible claim, as required by the Supreme Court’s decision in Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662 (2009), and for failing to meet the heightened pleading requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b).

To promote judicial economy and “the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination” of the action, Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, the Court advises the parties of its view that a party whose pleading faces a motion to dismiss should assess whether alleged deficiencies may be cured by an amended pleading, so that the Court and the parties are not required to address the sufficiency of pleadings more than once. The parties are further advised that if a party does not currently utilize the opportunity to amend and instead opposes the motion to dismiss, the Court will take that fact into account should the motion to dismiss be granted and the opposing party then file a motion for leave to amend.

Accordingly, Plaintiff Terry Klepac may file an amended complaint within 21 days from the filing of the motion to dismiss, either as of right pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B), or pursuant to leave now granted, if the prerequisites of Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B) have not been met. If Plaintiff timely files an amended complaint, the Court will deny without prejudice the currently pending motion to dismiss as moot. If Plaintiff does not timely file an amended complaint, Plaintiff must file a response to the motion in accordance with the time limits set forth in the local rules, and the Court will decide the motion.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 4, 2023  
Detroit, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith  
MARK A. GOLDSMITH  
United States District Judge